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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: June 26, 1978
PARTICIPANTS: Oscar Raul Cardozo of Clarin and
Information Officer John Corr
SUBJECT: Current Events
PLACE: A Restaurant in Buenos Aires

Cardozo said:

1. His contacts in the Argentine Marines had "let me know" that they were responsible for the Hidalgo Sola kidnapping. Relatives of Hidalgo Sola had told him that General Suarez Mason had visited the Hidalgo Sola family a few days after the kidnapping -- at the request of General Videla -- to deny that his I Corps had any role in the disappearance.
2. La Opinion reporter Andres Ruggieri was picked up and beaten by unidentified men after having indicated in articles written shortly after the Hidalgo Sola kidnapping that the kidnapping had been staged to embarrass Videla. His assailants told him to stop writing on the topic.
3. He thought that the Marines were involved in the kidnapping of the French nuns.
4. Following the visit of Pat Derian, he, Cardozo, was told by the Navy that what he thought was his objective reporting of the visit was unacceptable and too favorable to her and her views on human rights.

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